

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2007, wherein the Examiner rejected all the claims (1-15) as anticipated by the teaching in the patent to Ziegler (No. 4026313). Re-consideration of the application in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his courtesies in allowing Applicant to conduct a telephone interview. During the interview, Applicant explained the claimed invention and how it was distinguishable from the structure described in Ziegler.

Specifically, and in contrast to what is taught in Ziegler, which is the use of scissors or crossed rod elements, Applicant's claimed assembly affirmatively recites the use of gears at the ends of each link in which the gears at cooperating ends of the links are rotatably engaged. There is neither any description nor even a suggestion in Ziegler of the use of gears at the ends of links in order to define a foldable loop assembly.

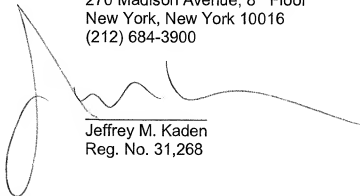
In this regard, we note that a gear is a well known term in the mechanical arts and means "a toothed wheel which engages another toothed mechanism in order to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion".

In the Action, the Examiner states that the Ziegler discloses a "foldable loop assembly (where)...the angle between the four links remains the same in any folded position." However, claim 1 of the application, recites that the foldable loop assembly has the feature that the "vector defined by any of said pairs of

engaged gears and the vector defined by any other pair of engaged gears together define an angle which remains constant in any folded condition of said assembly." This feature is neither taught nor suggested by the Ziegler patent.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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